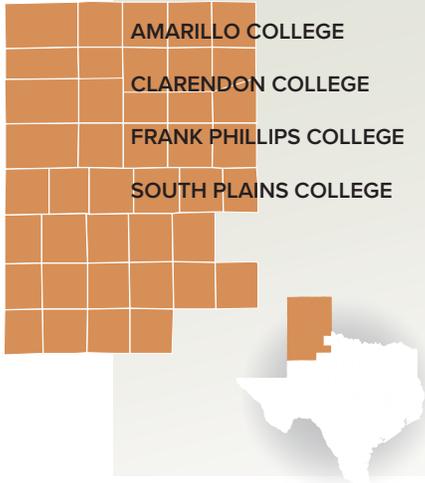


TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGES

HIGH PLAINS REGION



Created to expand Texans' access to higher education, the state's 50 community college districts serve a vital role in our state's economy by developing our workforce, preparing students for further academic study and meeting the specific educational and vocational needs of the local areas they serve.

The 41 counties in the High Plains region — one of 12 economic regions defined by the Comptroller's office — include four community college districts.

REGIONAL IMPACT OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES' SPENDING, 2019

EMPLOYMENT

2,570

OUTPUT

\$259.4 MILLION

COMPENSATION

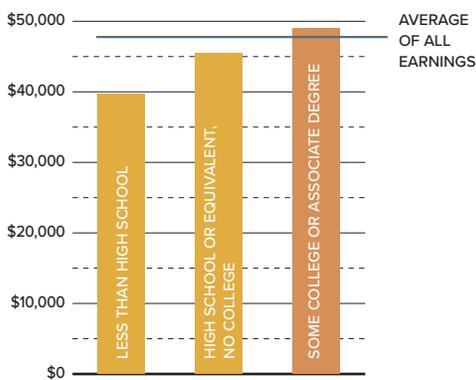
\$137.3 MILLION

NOTE: THESE ANALYSES PREDATED THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS THAT FOLLOWED.

Note: Figures include direct, indirect and induced economic impacts. Sources: JobsEQ, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Texas community colleges.

WAGES BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, HIGH PLAINS REGION, 2018



Source: JobsEQ

Community colleges provide their students with a good return on investment.

In 2018, workers in the High Plains region with some college or associate degrees and stable jobs earned an average of \$3,539 more annually than high school graduates.

AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE OVER HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT

\$3,539

NUMBER OF WORKERS, SOME COLLEGE OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE

101,540

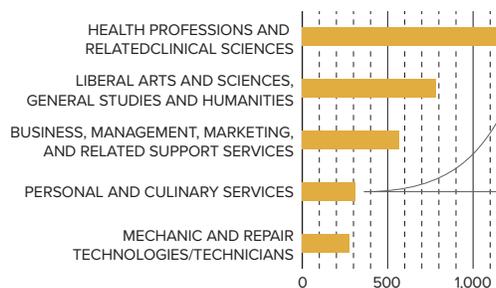
TOTAL REGIONAL ADDITIONAL WAGES

\$359.4 MILLION

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, JobsEQ and Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

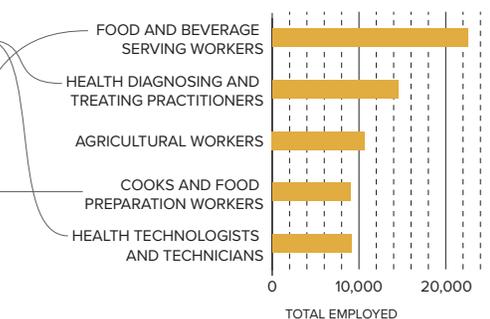
TOP CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES, HIGH PLAINS REGION, 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR



The High Plains region's community college districts awarded more than 1,100 certificates and associate degrees in health professions in the 2017-18 school year; the next most-common award areas were general studies and liberal arts and business administration.

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS, HIGH PLAINS REGION, 2014-2019



Source: JobsEQ

SUMMARY

Community colleges play a vital role for students and businesses by offering postsecondary education and job training at great value. As the High Plains region's four community college districts work to address local skills gaps and meet the specific needs of area employers, they support nearly 2,600 jobs and add more than \$259 million in economic output annually. Furthermore, the higher pay of those with some college or an associate degree helps raise total wages in the region by over \$359 million per year.

SPOTLIGHT AMARILLO COLLEGE

- In fiscal 2018, Amarillo College added \$639.4 million in income to the Amarillo College service area economy, equal to about 3.7 percent of the region's gross product.
- Amarillo College's impact supported 9,221 jobs or one out of every 22 jobs in the Amarillo College service area in fiscal 2018.
- An analysis of fiscal 2018 showed students' average annual rate of return for their investment in Amarillo College is 24.6 percent.
- In response to local employer needs, Amarillo College built a full data science degree program and a data analytics continuing education certification.

TO SEE INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE TEXAS ECONOMY: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/colleges/>